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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL FROM THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, NO, OVIP (FRYDENLUN, KNUT)

SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

REF: OSLO'S 4325

1. AFTER I HAD TOLD FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND TODAY (NOV. 24) ABOUT HIS APPOINTMENT WITH THE SECRETARY, MY DCM HAD A FURTHER CONVERSATION WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS VIBE REGARDING THE AGENDA. VIBE EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS IN A BETTER POSITION TO DISCUSS THE QUESTION SINCE ALL THE BRIEFING PAPERS WERE NOW COMPLETED. THE ONLY REAL DIFFERENCE WITH WHAT WAS REPORTED IN REFTEL IS THAT THE QUESTION OF SHIPPING MAY, IN FACT, BE BROUGHT UP WITH THE SECRETARY.

2. WHEN VIBE WAS ASKED DIRECTLY WHETHER SHIPPING WOULD BE RAISED WITH THE SECRETARY, HE APOLOGIZED FOR HAVING OVERLOOKED IT "IN HIS

EGOCENTRIC CONCERN WITH POLITICAL QUESTIONS." IN FACT, NO NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, HE SAID, CAN GO TO WASHINGTON WITHOUT RAISING THE PROBLEM. IF IT IS RAISED WITH THE SECRETARY, HOWEVER, IT WILL
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BE IN GENERAL TERMS TO STRESS THAT THE US AND NORWAY HAVE A COMMON

INTEREST IN OPPOSING ANY EXTENSION OF GOVERNMENTAL RESTRICTIONS AFFECTING SHIPPING, IN UPHOLDING THE PRINCIPLE OF FREE COMPETITION AND IN RESISTING THE SPREAD OF BILATERAL SHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS. GIVEN VIBE'S INFLUENCE AS FRYDENLUND'S PRINCIPAL ADVISER, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE SUBJECT WILL COME UP IN THE ABOVE-CITED GENERAL TERMS WITH THE SECRETARY. FRYDENLUND MAY BE INHIBITED FROM DOING SO, HOWEVER, BY THE STATEMENT HE MADE TO ME TODAY WHEN I ALSO ASKED HIM ABOUT THE SHIPPING QUESTION -- THAT HE DID NOT INTEND TO RAISE IT WITH THE SECRETARY. IF FRYDENLUND OVERRULES VIBE ON THIS QUESTION, I WOULD EXPECT HIM AT LEAST TO RAISE THE MATTER IN HIS MEETING WITH YOU.

3. VIBE SAID THAT THE FOLLOWING BRIEFING PAPERS HAD BEEN PREPARED (IN ADDITION TO SHIPPING) AND SUGGESTED THE FORUMS IN WHICH THE TOPICS WERE MOST LIKELY TO BE DISCUSSED.

A. ATLANTIC RELATIONS: FOCUSSED ON THE FORMULATION OF A DECLARATION AND RECENT FRICTIONS WITHIN THE ALLIANCE OVER THE MIDDLE EAST. SECRETARY.

B. FORCE REDUCTIONS AND BURDEN SHARING. SCHLESINGER

C. FUTURE OF KEFLAVIK BASE. SCHLESINGER OR STOESSEL

D. PORTUGAL'S POLICY IN AFRICA. STOESSEL

E. GREECE - DISCUSSED IN SEPTTEL COMMENTS ON STATE'S 230918. STOESSEL (UNCLESS SECRETARY DISCUSSES IT)

F. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EEC AND NATO CONSULTATIONS. STOESSEL

G. SALT: NOT HIGH PRIORITY BUT MAY ASK FOR GENERAL U.S. EVALUATION. STOESSEL

H. MBFR - GENERAL IMPRESSIONS AND EVALUATION. STOESSEL

I. CSCE - GENERAL IMPRESSIONS AND EVALUATION. STOESSEL

J. INDOCHINA - DO NOT PLAN TO RAISE.

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K. GUINEA-BISSAU - MIGHT BE TOUCHED ON IN CONNECTION WITH DISCUSSION OF PORTUGUESE POLICY. STOESSEL

L. OIL AND ENERGY POLICY -- US EVALUATION OF THE BOYCOTT, ARAB PERSISTENCE AND LONG-TERM IMPLICATIONS FOR WORLD ECONOMY. SISCO

M. MIDDLE EAST SECRETARY/SISCO

4. VIBE SAID THAT HE PLANNED TO PASS ON ANY REFINEMENTS OF THE ABOVE AGENDA TO AMBASSADOR SOMMERFELT, WHEN THE DELEGATION REACHED NEW YORK. HE APPRECIATED THE POINT THAT SUGGESTIONS SHOULD REACH THE DEPARTMENT AS EARLY ON MONDAY AS POSSIBLE.

5. THE DELEGATION CONSISTING OF KNUT FRYDENLUND, KJELD VIBE AND THE NEWLY-APPOINTED POLITICAL SECRETARY, THOR VIKSVEEN, WILL ARRIVE IN NEW YORK AT 6 P.M. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25 ON SAS FLIGHT 911. THEY WILL FLY TO WASHINGTON TUESDAY EVENING.
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